

*Shubhada S Kadam*

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1155 OF 2026

Shubham Shivaji Limhan

....Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

....Respondent

Mr. Akshay Badve along with Mr. Govind B. Munde, Advocate for Applicant.

Mr. S. R. Agarkar, APP for Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 10th JUNE, 2026.

P.C. :

1. The applicant is apprehending arrest in Crime No.118 of 2025 registered with Velha Police Station for offences punishable under Sections 118(1), 115(2), 351(2), 352, 126(2), 189(2), 191(2), 304(2), 308(3) and 324(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 12th December 2025, the applicant and co-accused assaulted the first informant and demanded ransom of ₹30,000/- from him.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the two co-accused, having similar allegations, have been released on anticipatory bail by this Court. Hence the applicant is entitled to bail on the principle of parity, and requested to allow the application.



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4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant and co-accused assaulted the first informant and demanded ransom from him. There are serious allegations against the applicant. Hence, his custodial interrogation is required, and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused FIR and documents produced on record. The investigation is complete and charge sheet has been filed. The allegations against the two co-accused who are released on bail and the applicant, are the same. Hence, the applicant is entitled to bail on the principle of parity. Considering these facts, custodial interrogation of the applicant is not required, and I pass following order :

ORDER

(i) In the event of arrest, the applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No.118 of 2025 registered with Velha Police Station, Pune, on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs.30,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.

(ii) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when required.

The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed off.



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6. It is made clear that the above observations are made only for the purpose of granting bail and the Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits in accordance with law and uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.

7. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)